REGISTER OF CLASSIFICATION DECISIONS

Title of Publication: Touch Me

Other Known Titles: Pussy Cat
Touch Me Pussy Cat

Format: DVD

Director/Author: Not Stated

Producer/Publisher: Not Stated

Country of Origin: Not Stated

Language: Japanese, with Chinese subtitles

Applicant: The District Court at Waitakere

Distributor: Not Applicable

Classification: Objectionable.

Descriptive Note: Not Applicable.

Display Conditions: Not Applicable

Date of entry in Register: 26 September 2005

Date of direction to issue a label: Not Applicable

OFLC No: 501512

Unexcised version of publication:

	Component	**Running time**
Menu:	Chapter Menu Play Movie	
Feature:	Touch Me	95.43
Other components:	AV Entertainment Notice	
Total running time:		95.43

Excisions: Not Applicable

Reasons for excisions:

Not Applicable

Summary of reasons
for classification:

The DVD entitled *Touch Me* is classified as:
Objectionable.

The publication is a DVD comprising a single feature depicting sexual activity between men and women. The feature's first and second scenes contain depictions of sexual violence. The first depiction is clearly staged, but nevertheless implies that women want to be raped, and will respond positively when men force them to engage in sexual activity. The second scene starts out depicting consensual sexual activity, which becomes non-consensual after the woman tries to resist the two men and tells them to stop. They continue the activity, and even laugh when the woman cries and is distressed. The scene is disturbing to watch and is an actual record of sexual violence. Given that this material occurs within a sexually explicit DVD that is designed for adult sexual arousal, the behaviour is clearly condoned by the publication as being a legitimate and acceptable way to treat women.

The Office of Film and Literature Classification has considered the effects of the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990 on the application of the classification criteria. The classification of this publication interferes with the freedom of expression, but this is an outcome that is consistent with Parliament's intention that publications falling under s3(2) of the Films, Videos, and Publications Classification Act 1993 are deemed to be objectionable. The classification is also a reasonable limitation on the freedom of expression that reflects the concern of a free and democratic society to limit the availability of publications that promote and support the use of violence and coercion to compel a person to participate in, and submit to, sexual conduct.